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FM AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

TO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L ABIDJAN 4532

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SUJ: FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST

REF: A) ABIDJAN 4332, B) ABIDJAN 4233, C) ABIDJAN 3968, D) STATE 1215

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SUMMARY: FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST  
CLOSED EMBASSY HERE AND DEPARTED FOR PARIS ON MAY 29. HIS  
FUTURE PLANS ARE UNCERTAIN. HIS FIRST PREFERENCE CONTINUES TO  
BE TO STAY IN FRANCE AND ALTERNATIVELY IN UK.

1. FORMER VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR TO IVORY COAST NGUYEN VAN-LOC  
DEPARTED HERE MAY 29 FOR PARIS. HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FURTHER  
WORD FROM UK ABOUT ASYLUM THERE AND WAS HOPING TO FIND JOB IN  
PARIS WHICH WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO REMAIN THERE. IF  
NEITHER WORKS OUT, HE MAY STILL APPLY FOR ADMISSION  
TO USA AND WILL APPROACH EMBASSY PARIS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. BEFORE AMBASSADOR VAN-LOC DEPARTED, WE GAVE HIM LETTER  
SUMMARIZING CONTENTS REFTEL D) SO THAT HE CAN FULLY UNDERSTAND  
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PREREQUISITES TO APPLYING FOR ADMISSION TO THE U.S.

3. VAN-LOC'S DEPARTURE WAS CLOUDED BY TENSIONS BETWEEN HIM AND HIS OWN STAFF AND BY FAILURE OF GOIC TO WORK OUT FORMAL TRANSFER ARRANGEMENT FOR HIM TO TURN VIETNAMESE PROPERTY OVER TO ALGERIAN EMBASSY. HIS DESIRE TO DO EVERY THING FAIRLY AND SQUARELY LED HIS STAFF TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY AND FAIRLY WIDELY THAT HE WAS NOT SELLING SOUTH VIETNAMESE PROPERTY AND GIVING PROCEEDS TO THEM AND THEREFORE MUST BE PRO-VIETCONG. HE EMPHATICALLY DENIED THIS AND STRESSED HIS DESIRE TO MAINTAIN HIS PERSONAL INTEGRITY SO HE COULD NEVER BE ACCUSED OF SELLING GOVERNMENT PROPERTY FOR PERSONAL GAIN. AT FAREWELL DINNER GIVEN HIM BY AMBASSADOR SMITH HE EMPHATICALLY STATED HE WOULD NEVER HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH NEW VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH VAN-LOC TRIED FOR TWO WEEKS TO GET RESPONSE FROM GOIC TO HIS DIPLOMATIC NOTE (REFTEL B) THEY NEVER REPLIED. THUS HE CLOSED CHANCERY AND RESIDENCE, PREPARED INVENTORIES AND SIMPLY HAD THEM DELIVERED TO THE MINISTRY. WE ASSUME MINISTRY WILL AGREE TO TURN PROPERTY OVER TO ALGERIAN EMBASSY.

5. AS OF NOW NO MEMBERS OF VIETNAMESE STAFF HAVE APPLIED FOR ADMISSION TO U.S. SEVERAL HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN REMAINING IN IVORY COAST. WE PLAN TO TAKE NO FURTHER INITIATIVES WITH THEM BUT WILL PROCESS ANY APPLICATIONS THAT THEY INITIATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL D).  
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